EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bryan M. Gallo on April 8, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

paragraph 40,

line 4, changed "560" to --565--

line 5, changed "560" to --565-- and changed "565" to --560--

line 10, changed "560" to --565--

line 11, changed "465" to --560--

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 16, inserted --of said window assembly-- following "frame"

line 18, deleted "at least one"

line 19, deleted "of said upper latch member and"

canceled claims 32 and 34

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claim 35,

line 2, deleted ", said rotating cam includes means for winding said"

line 3, deleted "retractable cable around said rotating cam,"

canceled claim 37

claim 41,

line 10, changed the first occurrence of "the" to --its said--

line 12, deleted "at least one of" and deleted "and the"

line 13, deleted "sash stile"

line 14, deleted "for"

claim 43,

line 1, deleted "wherein further actuation of"

deleted lines 2 and 3

line 4, deleted "operating mechanism,"

claim 44,

line 2, changed the first and second semicolons to commas

line 16, deleted "for"

line 18, deleted "for"

Application/Control Number: 10/678,904 Art Unit: 3634 claim 45, line 3, deleted "for" line 5, deleted "for" claim 46, line 2, deleted "for" line 4, deleted "for" claim 49, line 11, changed the first occurrence of "the" to --its said-line 15, changed the first occurrence of "the" to --its said-line 19, inserted --sash-- following "window" line 20, changed the first occurrence of "the" to --its said-line 24, deleted "for" line 26, deleted "for" line 28, deleted "for" line 31, deleted "for" claim 51, line 11, changed the first occurrence "the" to --its said-line 14, inserted -- and said first upper latch member-- following "end" line 15, changed the last occurrence of "the" to --its said--

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line 19, inserted --sash-- following "window" and inserted --and the second upper latch member-- following "end"

line 20, changed the last occurrence of "the" to --its said--

line 28, deleted "for"

line 30, deleted "for"

line 39, changed "the" to --their said--

line 48, changed "the" to --its said--

line 51, changed "the" to --its said--

claim 52,

line 10, deleted "at least one"

line 11, deleted "of said upper latch member and"

line 13, deleted "further"

line 20, changed "the sash stile" to --a stile of the sash---

claim 53,

line 13, deleted "further"

line 14, changed "the sash stile" to --a stile of the sash---

line 16, deleted "said rotating cam containing means for"

line 17, changed "winding said retractable cable" to --said retractable cable being windable--

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 571-272-6836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Mitchell can be reached on 571-272-7069. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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